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1. IN VIEW OF THE NEW SECURITY PROBLEM FOR THAILAND ALONG ITS BORDERS WITH CAMBODIA AND LAOS, I HAVE TASKED APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS TO CONTINUE TO COLLATE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE INSURGENCY, EXTERNAL SUPPORT THERETO, AND RTG COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORTS; AND TO KEEP ME AND WASHINGTON END-USERS FULLY INFORMED ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE INSURGENCY IN THAILAND ON A TIMELY BASIS.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT, OF COURSE(ANTICIPATE A CROSS-BORDER INVASION OF THAILAND BY REGULAR UNITS OF THE VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN ARMIES UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SOME INCREASE IN INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS LIKELY. AS THIS MISSION REPORTED (REPAIR), WE ASSUME THAT HANOI AND PEKING WILL BE REASSESSING POLICIES TOWARD THE INSURGENCY AND ARE SURE TO OPT FOR INCREASED AID THERETO IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF RECENT ADVANCES IN THE AREA AND OF PLACING HEIGHTENED PRESSURE ON THE RTG.

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MISSION CAN ENSURE THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDOCHINA AREA FOLLOWING DISESTABLISHMENT OF USSAG, WHICH HAS BEEN COLLATING AVAILABLE OB AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE. WE WILL NEED TO BE INFORMED ON SIGNIFICANT TROOP MOVEMENTS IN LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM, THE SITUATION ALONG THE BORDERS, SHIPPING IN THE OFFSHORE WATERS, AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH IMPACT ON THAILAND.

4. OUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROBLEM SO FAR INDICATES THAT THE INFORMATION WE NEED IS AVAILABLE HERE BUT IS SPLIT AMONG VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION. WE ARE WORKING ON WAYS TO PULL IT TOGETHER IN A TIMELY MANNER. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE ELEMENTS IN CINCPAC AND WASHINGTON MADE A POINT OF INCLUDING BANGKOK ON DISTRIBUTION FOR INTELLIGENCE DEALING WITH TROOP MOVEMENTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN AND AFFECTING THE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES. WHITEHOUSE

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